

\$25,000,000 COURT HOUSE NEARER NOW

Work May Begin Within a Year in Effort to Reduce Further Outlay.

TO BE BUILT PIECEMEAL Millions Already Wasted and Labor and Material Costs Far Beyond Estimates.

Work on the greatest of all monuments to municipal ineptitude, New York county's \$25,000,000 court house, will commence "within a year."

This information was revealed yesterday by Comptroller Frederickson in stating that specifications for contracts for the building of the monument to muddle and delay and extravagance are practically ready for submission to the Board of Estimate.

Within a few weeks, the Comptroller understands, the board will be called upon to approve the contract forms and probably will authorize letting of the contracts on a total appropriation basis of \$7,500,000.

As matters stand, Mayor Mitchell, Comptroller Frederickson and Kings Borough President Founds are ready to vote any and every dollar of the \$25,000,000 court house project, with its delays and extravagance, its unnecessary expenditures, its unscientific and unbusinesslike procedure from first to last, is deeply and inextricably into the morass of seemingly unending expenditure that they might as well spend the millions as they are piled upon the cost.

Will Vote Unwillingly.

Mr. Frederickson and one or two others of the company of city fathers that hold the purse strings will give their vote of approval to the project, but they will do so with a sigh and a groan, and with a feeling of disgust. Their point of view is that the whole thing is a colossal waste of money, and that the city is being plunged into the morass of seemingly unending expenditure that they might as well spend the millions as they are piled upon the cost.

Against the dreamlike projects of George A. Allen and some other of the various stages of the court house plan as a part of their vision of a city beautiful, the Comptroller, a positive person with definite notions as to how the city should be run, is a man who is not easily won over. He is a man who is not easily won over. He is a man who is not easily won over.

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The real estate alone, the two big plots north of the municipal building will have cost \$1,000,000 or more, and the estimate for the construction of the building, with its delays and extravagance, its unnecessary expenditures, its unscientific and unbusinesslike procedure from first to last, is deeply and inextricably into the morass of seemingly unending expenditure that they might as well spend the millions as they are piled upon the cost.

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Suggests a Musical Fable.

The history of the Court House undertaking since the first agitation was begun is a musical fable. It is a story of a city that is being plunged into the morass of seemingly unending expenditure that they might as well spend the millions as they are piled upon the cost.

More Than \$5,000,000 Wasted. Putting the thing in dollars and cents it is estimated that the city has wasted—literally thrown away—at least \$7,500,000 and probably in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. The city has wasted—literally thrown away—at least \$7,500,000 and probably in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000.

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and Centre streets, and this plan was adopted. But the shifting of the building plot upon ground not yet owned by the city and it became necessary therefore for the city to spend another lump sum of \$10,000,000 for a tract including a portion of the block bounded by Duane street, Park street, Pearl street and City Hall Park; a portion of the block bounded by Pearl street, Park street, Baxter street and Park street; and a portion of the block bounded by Duane street, Park street, Pearl street and City Hall Park.

Now Represents \$18,549,185.

That made the cash paid out for court house site \$11,338,450, or a total for court house site of \$13,342,185.52. Already plenty of citizens who didn't want to see New York do anything on a big scale were becoming appalled at the mounting cost.

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URGES TUBERCULIN DISPENSARIES IN U.S.

Former Army Surgeon Pleads for Diagnostic Tests in Incipient Cases.

WOULD BE OBLIGATORY Dr. R. C. Newton Declares All Apparently Affected Should Be Examined.

Establishment of dispensaries throughout the country in which incipient cases of tuberculosis may be diagnosed by means of the tuberculin test is recommended by Dr. Richard Cole Newton, former assistant surgeon in the United States army.

"The principal reason that we are making so little headway toward the stamping out of human tuberculosis is that there are so many unlocated incipient cases," Dr. Newton says in his report. "If we could locate these cases, we could make real progress in this direction the popular conception of the extent and true history of the disease must be entirely changed."

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